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UIC Petition: EPA received a petition from attorneys representing Hathaway Oil Co. LLC, an oil producer in Kern Co. The petition requests that the Agency modify our UIC regulations to allow injection well operators to make a demonstration that their proposed injection would not degrade drinking water aquifers, rather than requiring such operators to get an aquifer exemption. The request/petition stems from Hathaway's alleged inability to get DOGGR to act on their application for a UIC permit because of confusion around the aquifer exemption process in CA. Since the petition seeks a change to national UIC rules, the Region is coordinating with OW and OGC, and we expect that HQs will issue the formal response.

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